

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 80

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Pat Higdon on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Pat Higdon is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for many years as the director of The Veterans Museum in Halls and will soon be taking her much-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, The Veterans Museum is owned and operated by The Dyersburg Army Air Base Memorial Association, Inc., which was founded in 1992 by Ms. Higdon and Martha Crites, both of whom reside in Halls; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Higdon has worked tirelessly to make The Veterans Museum the premier World War II heritage museum in West Tennessee, as it both honors our veterans and educates visitors about the vital role played by the Dyersburg Army Air Base during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Dyersburg Army Air Base was the largest combat aircrew training school built during the early years of World War II and the only inland B-17 Flying Fortress training base east of the Mississippi River; and

WHEREAS, in less than three years of operation, approximately 7,700 B-17 crewmen received their last phase of training at Dyersburg Army Air Base before heading for the European theatre; and

WHEREAS, Pat Higdon exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Pat Higdon has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues and her community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Pat Higdon our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.